

Holding Him Level.

"Oi hov wan for yez," began Mc-
tuberty, in the condescending
one of one talking downward from
superior height. "Ye'll niver
mess ut."

"Phwot is ut thot Oi'll not
mess?" inquired the wife of his
posom.
"A conundrum ut is. Here, now:
mon—"

"Phwot mon?"
"Anny mon! Hear me out: A
one takes a barrel weighin' twinty-
five pounds an' fills ut full av
awmpthin', an' thin the whole bus-
ness—barrel, contints an' ahl—
eighs but half as much as pra-
ously. Phwot does he put in ut?"
"Oi dunno."

"Av coorse ye do not! 'Tis well
did thot a woman has no since av
amor. A mon is different about
ut. He"

"Different, is he? Lave us see!
answer me this: Av the mon on
the front ind av the oice-wagon
eighs wan hundred an' fifty
pounds, phwot does the mon be-
hind weigh?"

"G'wan wid yez! Lave me hov
the answer to me own conundrum.
ow the divil do Oi know phwot
the mon on the back ind weighs?"
"Thru for yez, ye don't! Ye
ome shtruttin' home wid a thrap
a conundrum thot some smar-r-
ind has told yez, an' troy to make
fool av me wid ut, an' whin Oi"

"Troy to make a fool av yez, is
? Begorra, Oi don't hov to troy!
ature got ahead av me in thot,
!"

"Thot's all roight! Av Oi am
foolish whoy don't yez guess me
or little conundrum? Oi've kept
en wid yez this toime, an' mei
smar-r-r-rt pun an' Oi'll till
ez moine. Phwot does the mon
the barrel wid thot decr'ases uts
eight?"

"Anger-holes."
"He does? Eh-yah! Wull, the
on on the back ind av the oice-
wagon weighs oice."

"Bah!"
"Bah, yuresilf! An' nixt toime,
the intelluctual billy-goat, whin yez
timpt to fool wid a fool ye want
make sure yez hov the fool to
fool wid."—Judge.

There came to a young doctor an
commonly unclean infant borne
the arms of a mother whose face
showed the same abhorrence of
rap. Looking down upon the
child for a moment the doctor sol-
mnly said: "It seems to be suf-
fering from 'hydrophatic hydropho-
ia.'" "Oh, doctor, is it as bad as
that?" cried the mother. "That's
big sickness for such a mite.
Whatever shall I do for the child?"
Wash its face, madam," replied
the doctor; "the disease will go off
with the dirt." "Wash its face—
wash its face, indeed!" exclaimed
the mother, losing her temper.
What next, I'd like to know!"
Wash your own, madam—wash
your own," was the rejoinder.

Notes.

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The child pets the lamb, the man
eats the sheep.

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Go to the oyster, thou prattler,
and learn to be useful with thy
mouth shut.

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Freddie—"Say, dad, why are
there no marriages in heaven?"
Henpecker—"Because it's heaven."
—Town Topics.

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Teacher—"Willie, where is the
capital of the United States?" Wil-
lie Todate—"In the Trusts."
—Town Topics.

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Isaacs—I hear dot young king in
Samoa gets a hundert undt feefty
tollars a mont'.

Cohen—Vell, dot's purty good
for a young veller. It's petter dan
I vos getting at his aich.

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Several ladies were discussing
the virtues of their husbands. Said
one of them: "Mine never drinks,
never swears, nor does he chew."
"Does he ever smoke?" "Yes, he
always likes a cigar just after he
has eaten a good meal; but I sup-
pose that, on an average, he doesn't
smoke more than once a month."
Some of her friends laughed, but
she didn't seem to understand why.

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"Yes," said he, "life is so lonely."
"It is lonely sometimes," she
answered. "Wouldn't it be sweet
to have a little cottage covered with
ivy and honeysuckle and roses?"
"Oh, wouldn't it!" "And when a
fellow comes home tired from bus-
iness, to have a nice little wife to
meet him at the door with a kiss?"
"Y-e-e-s." "And then the summer
nights; the windows open, the sun-
set just giving light enough in the
cosy parlor, and—you—I mean a
wife at the piano, singing in the
gloaming. It would be lovely." "I
— think — it—would—be—nice."
"And then"— At this point a
careworn woman came round the
corner with a pair of twins in a per-
ambulator. A dead silence fell up-
on the air for a little. Then they
changed the subject.

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A WOMAN WITH OVER THREE
HUNDRED DESCENDANTS.—There is
a woman living in the State of
Georgia, in America, who has 235
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great-grandchildren, and great-
great-grandchildren. In addition
great-grandchildren. In addition to
ants are dead, bringing up the
grand total to 310. The old lady's
name is Sallie Shiver. She is nine-
ty years old, and makes a point of
visiting all her descendants in reg-
ular order. She seldom stays very
these, seventy-five of her descend-
long with any one family, and it
takes her about two years to com-
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